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ARRESTS MADE IN BAY TERRACES NEIGHBORHOOD MURDER

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives have arrested two suspects in the August 2009 murder of 18-year-old Guillermo D. Esparza.

On August 21, 2009, at about 2:15 a.m., Guillermo Esparza and a friend were walking on the north sidewalk of 7300 Paradise Valley Road when they were confronted by two suspects. A verbal altercation occurred between the young men, which included a gang challenge issued by one of the suspects. A fight ensued and one of the suspects displayed a handgun and shot Esparza.

Homicide Unit detectives have identified one adult suspect as Darren Roy Martinez (21) of San Diego. Martinez has been in custody at the San Diego Central Jail on an unrelated warrant since October 29, 2009.

The second suspect has been identified as a 17 year-old male juvenile, who is in custody at Juvenile Hall.

Both suspects were arraigned for the murder on December 23, 2009.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or SD County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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